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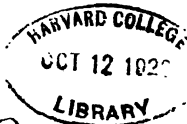
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THE
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THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY of the City of Newark was organized by authority of the Legislature of New Jersey, and will be maintained by an annual tax which has been voted by the citizens, for the use of the People, for whose benefit it is designed.

In January, 1889, the Board of Trustees leased for a term of five years, with privilege of purchase, the new edifice of the Newark Library Association in West Park, near Broad Street, which is now opened to the public.

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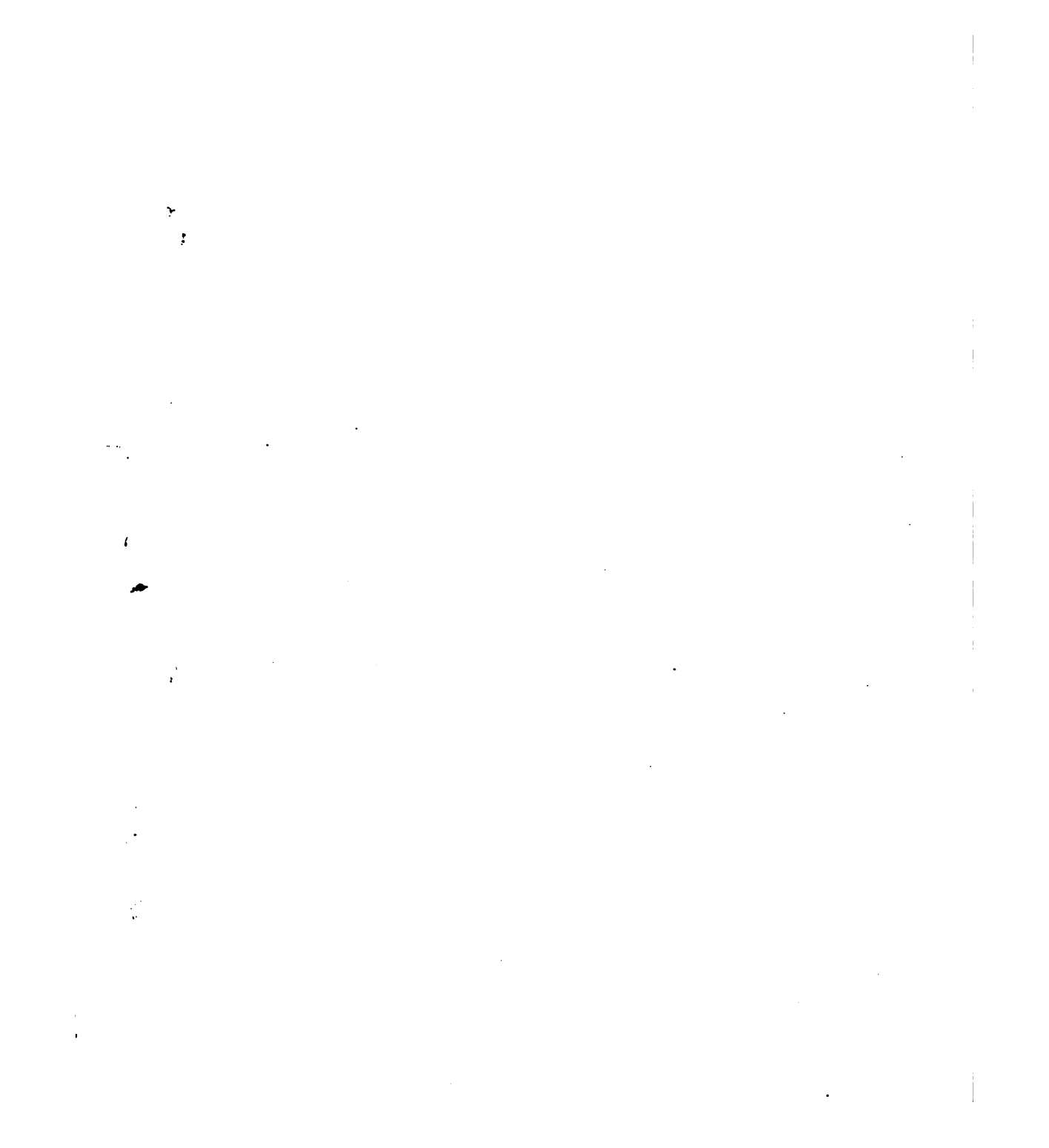
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AT
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WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 16th, 1889

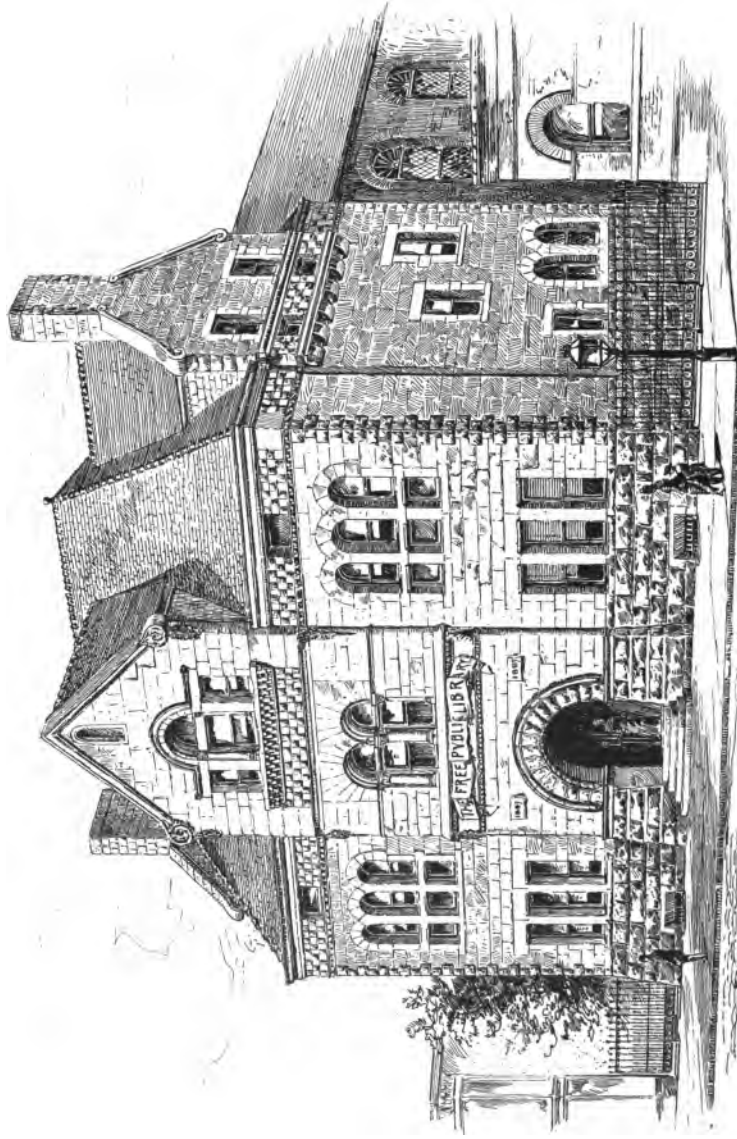
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CHORUS.

Music by a c

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This building is now owned & occupied by the
New Jersey Historical Society

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION.

THE SITE.—The building is located on an eligible and central site, 101 feet front by 109 feet in depth, adjoining the property of the New Jersey Historical Society.

The front of the edifice and to the depth of 46 feet is new, the rear portion of the old church building being utilized for the Library Room.

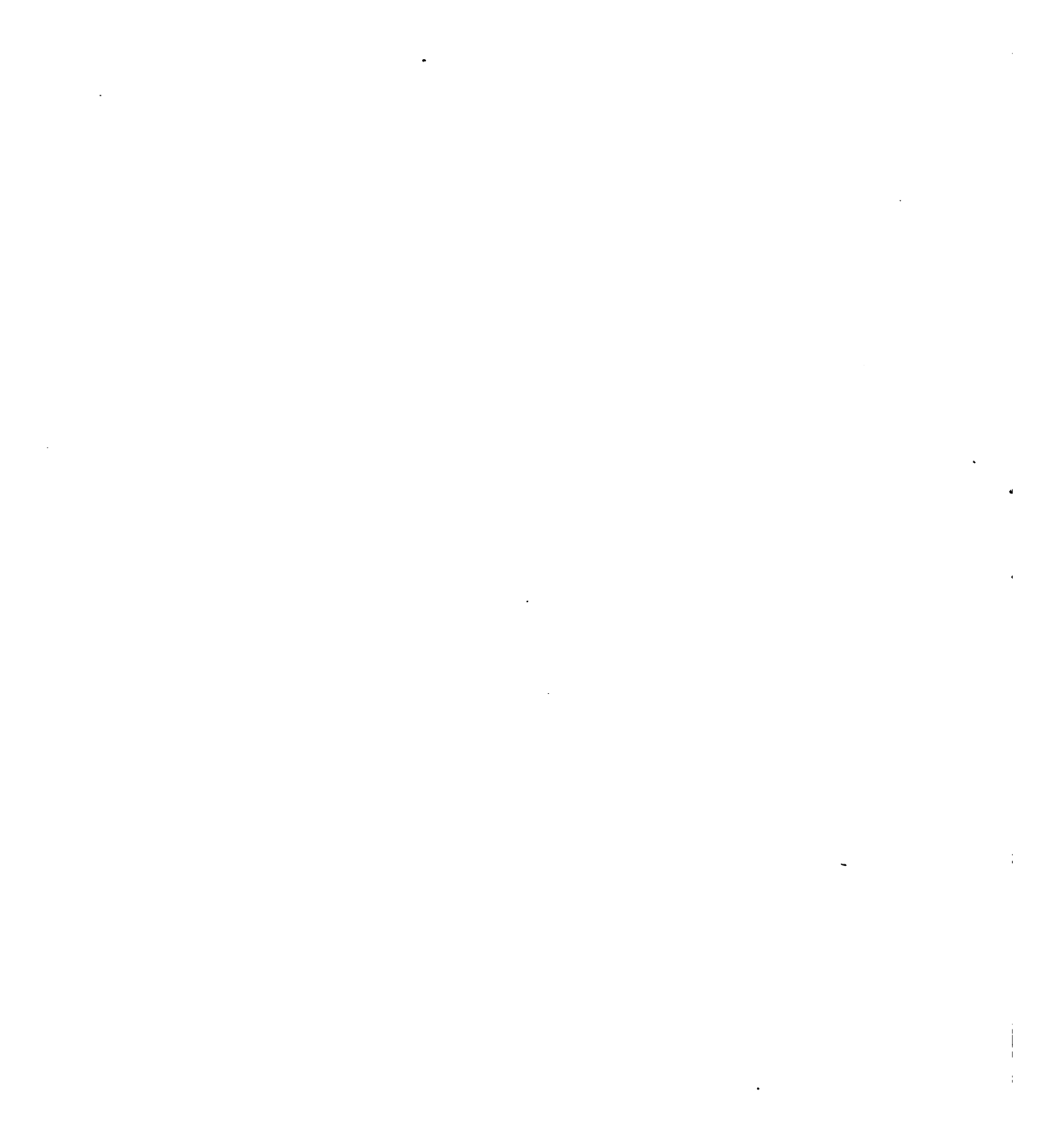
EXTERIOR.—The design is Romanesque, freely treated, built of Belleville stone, with base of rock-faced ashlar to the first-story sills. The entrance-arch is relieved by a carved molding, and the jambs have tooled surfaces. Above the base the walls are faced with pointed ashlar from the old church building, with molding, cornice, etc., so disposed as to maintain the quiet, restful and solid characteristics appropriate to the purpose of the structure. The roof is of slate, with terra-cotta ridging and hip-rolls. The entrance has large wrought-iron grilles or gates.



Entrance Hall
& Stairway.

New Columbia Building

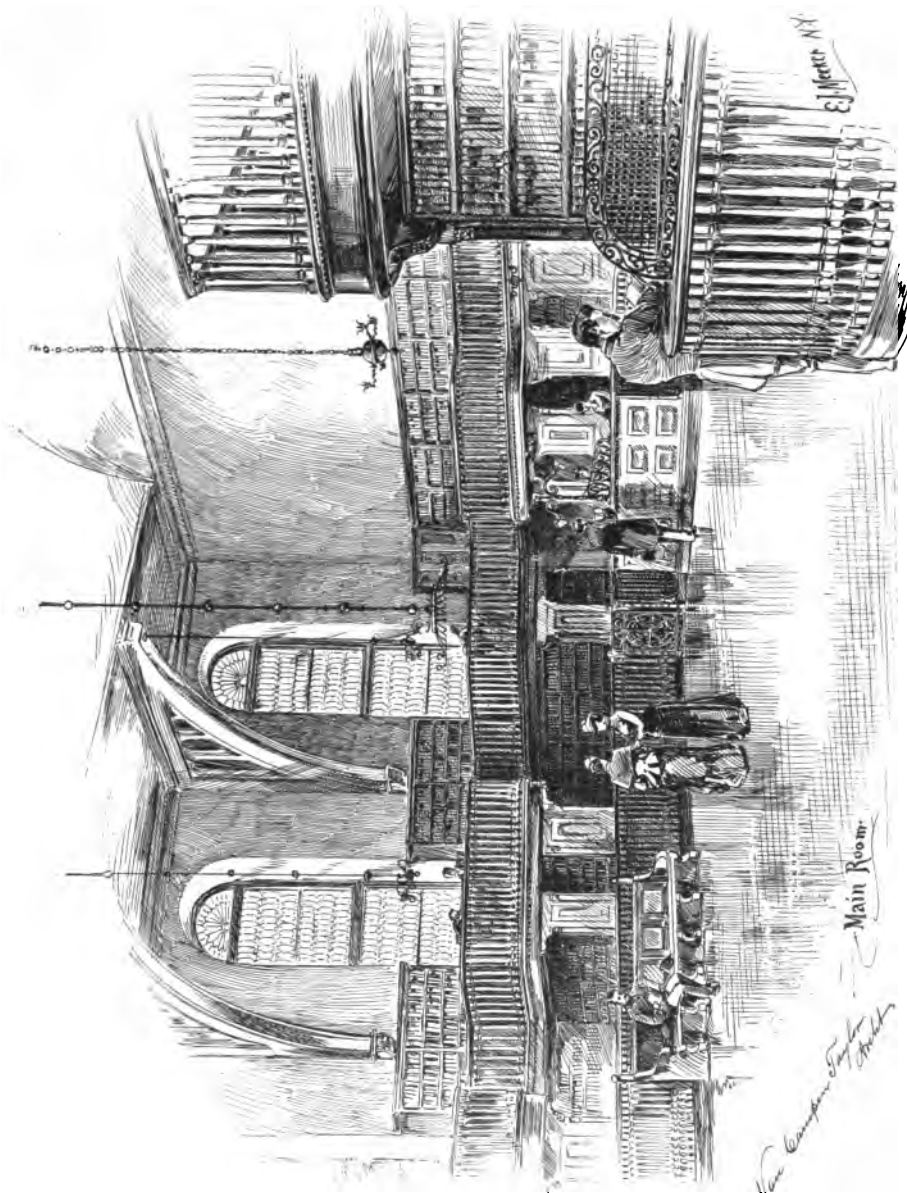
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THE HALL.

THE Vestibule and Entrance Hall are faced with Pompeiian brick, used as a base and frieze, also the arches over the several entrances ; the dado being of old gold, and the filling above the dado of cream-color brick. The floors of the Vestibule and Hall, and the wainscoting of the broad slate stairway leading to Second and Third Story Rooms are of Georgia marble.

The Entrance-doors and those leading to Library and Catalogue Room are of paneled, quartered oak, and the upper panels and semi-circular sashes above the transoms are glazed with polished plate-glass.



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Main Room
1855

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LIBRARY.

THE Library is 64 by 64 feet, with ceiling 42 feet high, coved on all sides, having a large central skylight filled with rich stained-glass in geometric patterns, and four large windows on either side, 5 feet wide and 24 feet high, giving ample light. The books are arranged in alcoves of quartered oak and wall cases, on the main floor and in the spacious galleries, which are reached by spiral oaken stairways. A lift will carry books to the Library from the basement, where the unpacking and repairing will be done. The present capacity of the shelving is 60,000 volumes, which can be increased to 200,000 volumes. It is lighted by a large central electrolier and numerous incandescent lights on the sides and in the alcoves.

Wide semi-circular arched doors, with plate-glass transoms above, deeply recessed, afford access to the Hall, Catalogue Room, and Women's Reading Room at one end. At the opposite end is the Librarian's desk, and an oak railing on either side of it, following the lines of the cases, incloses the space required by the attendants, the centre of the room being left for the use of the public.

The oak settles forming part of the railings are resting places for visitors. The book-cases, wainscoting, and all other wood-work are of quartered oak, paneled, molded, carved, and polished. The shelving of the cases is made of uniform length, adjustable and interchangeable. The walls and ceilings are finished with plaster made of yellow sand, harmonizing in tone with the oak.

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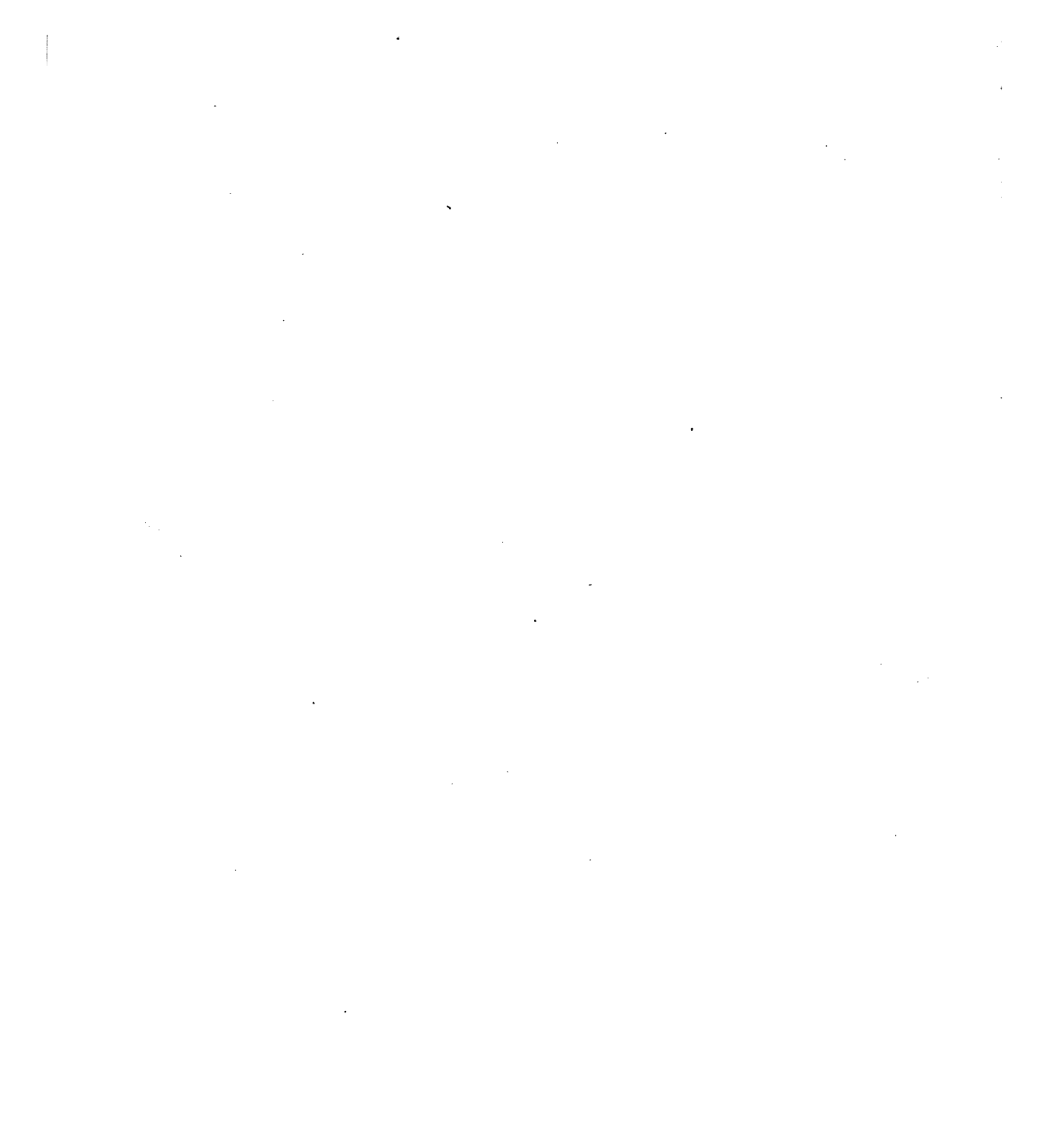
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In the Catalogue Room.

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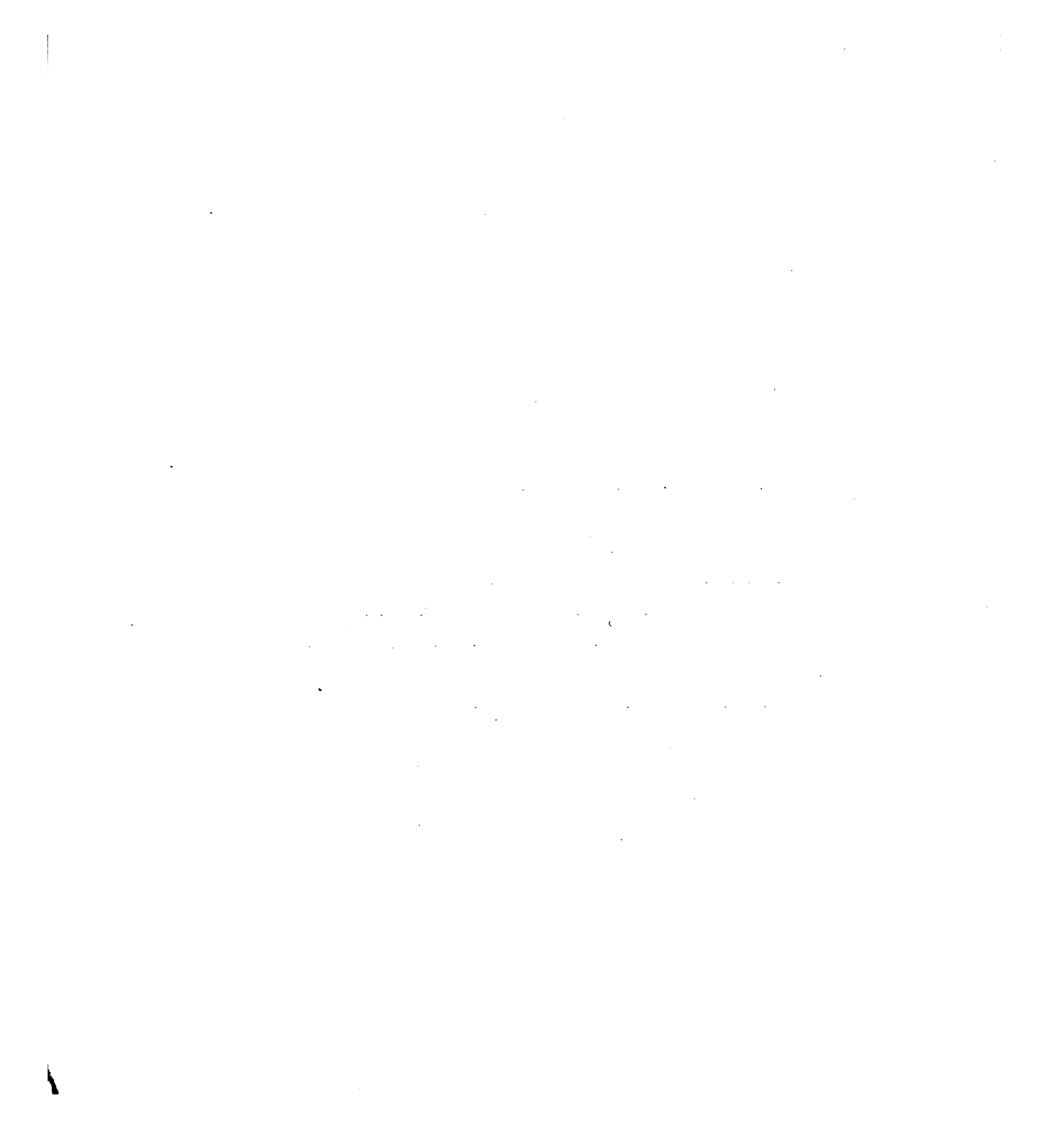


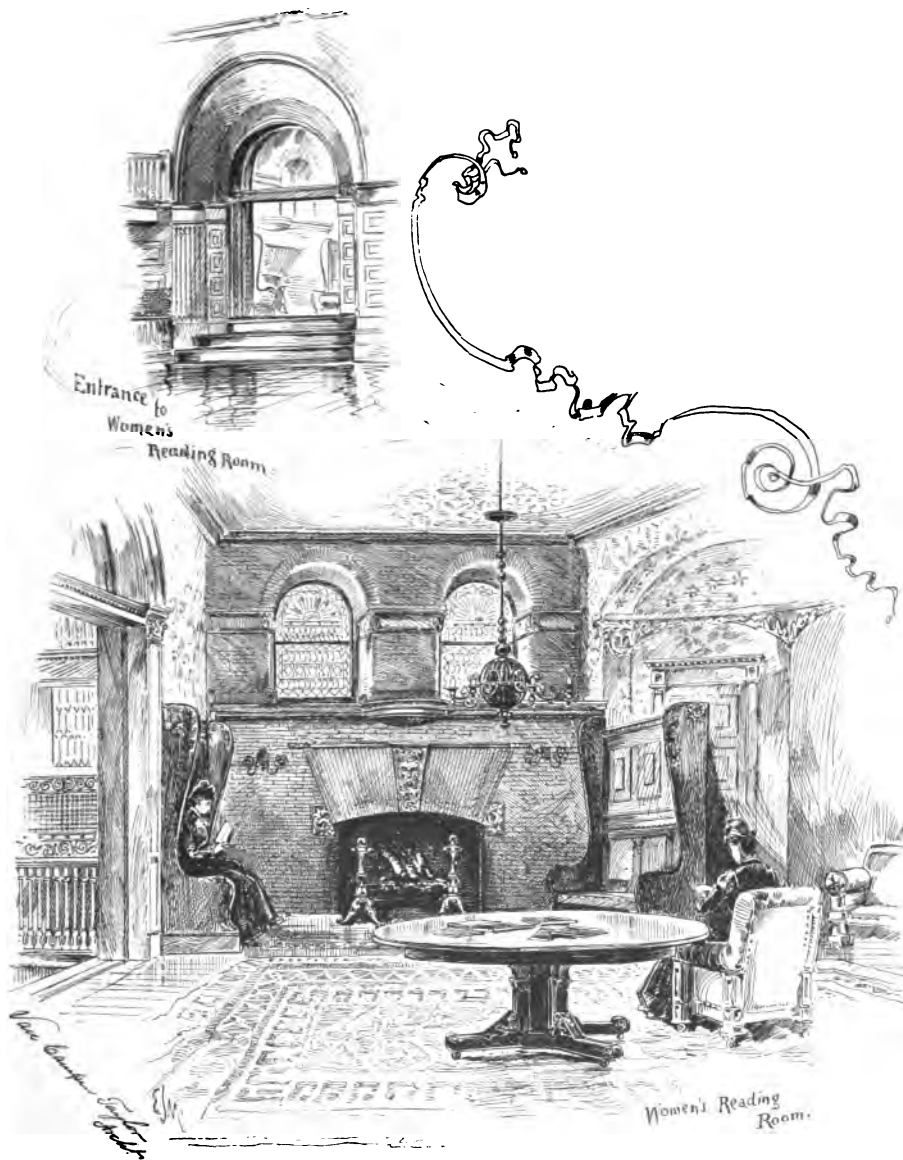
THE CATALOGUE ROOM.

ON the left of the Hall is the spacious Catalogue Room, with a large stone chimney-piece and carved oak over mantel as a central feature of the wall space opposite the entrance.

Ample light is provided through windows on two sides of the room. The available wall space is occupied by oak cases with divisions for the card catalogues. Two oak tables, in harmony with the other wood-work, are provided for the convenience of those using the general catalogue.

The Librarian's Office is located on the right of the Entrance Hall near the front of the building.





Entrance to
Womens
Reading Room

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WOMEN'S READING ROOM.

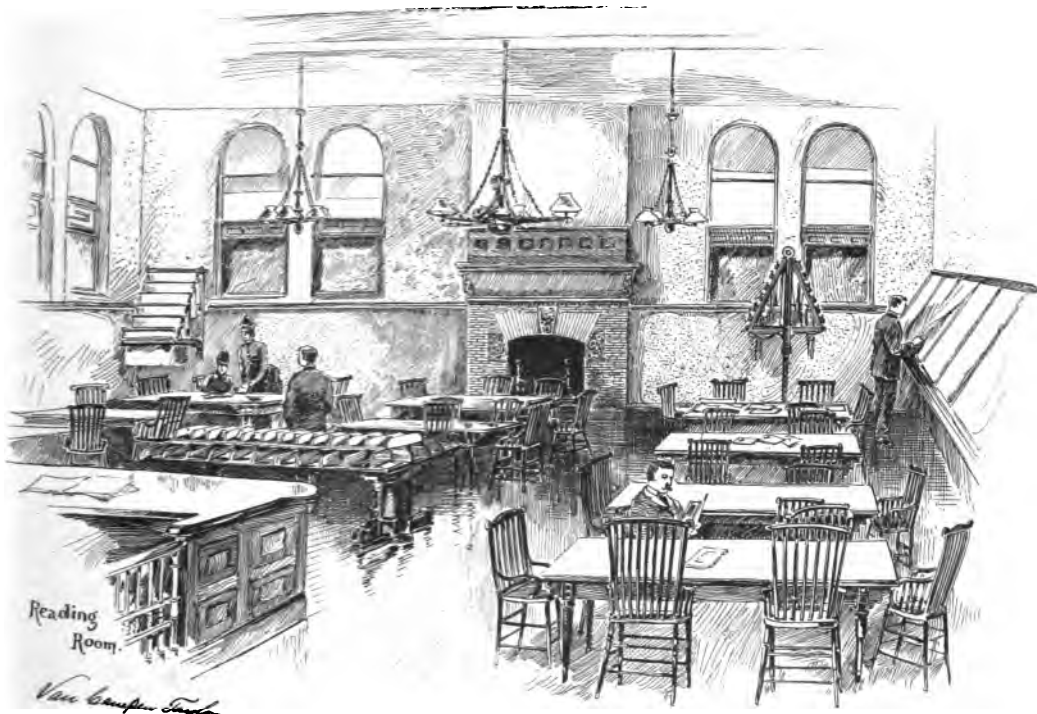
THE Women's Reading Room, accessible only from the Library proper, is 20 by 23 feet, with a chimney-piece, extending across the room, built of light buff brick, with gray-stone shelf and trimmings extending to the ceiling, richly molded and carved. The room is lighted by two stained-glass windows over the mantel-shelf, the walls and ceiling being decorated in harmony with the oak trimmings and furniture. On either side of the wide fireplace and tiled hearth are oak settles, with carved ends, panel backs, and upholstered in Spanish leather. An oak sofa and chairs with the same upholstering, with a large round-top table with carved base, complete the furnishing. The floors are covered with oriental rugs of harmonious coloring, and handsome wrought-iron andirons give an air of inviting comfort.

THE GENERAL READING ROOM.

THE general Reading Room, in the second story, with a high ceiling and lighted on two sides by several windows, is fitted with newspaper racks and files on the side walls, and tables for current magazines and periodical literature. There are comfortable chairs to accommodate about 150 persons. A generous fireplace at the west end will provide warmth and cheer, in addition to the steam heat, in the winter evenings. At the east end of the room is the Custodian's desk, and connecting with that, a small coat and hat room.

The basement is used for the steam-heating apparatus, storage, work-rooms and Janitor's room. The third story is occupied by a large room for the use of the pupils of the public schools under the direction of their teachers.

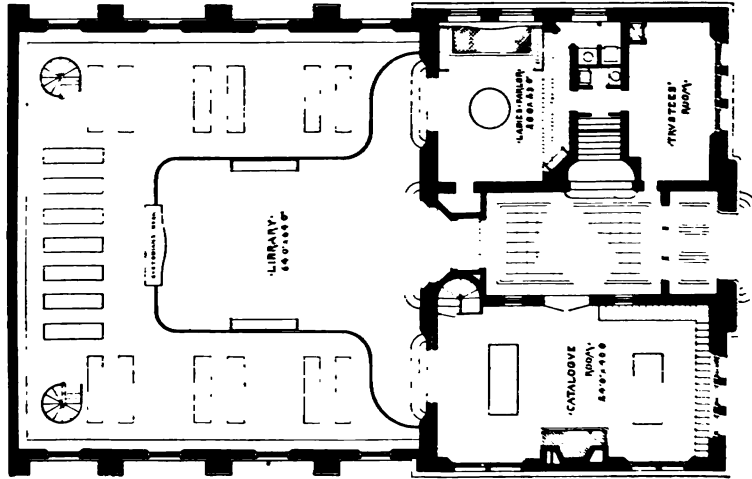
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Reading
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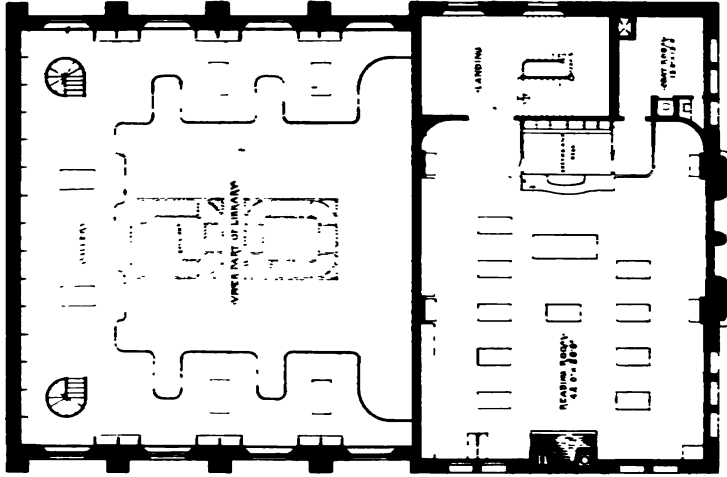
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN

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SECOND FLOOR PLAN

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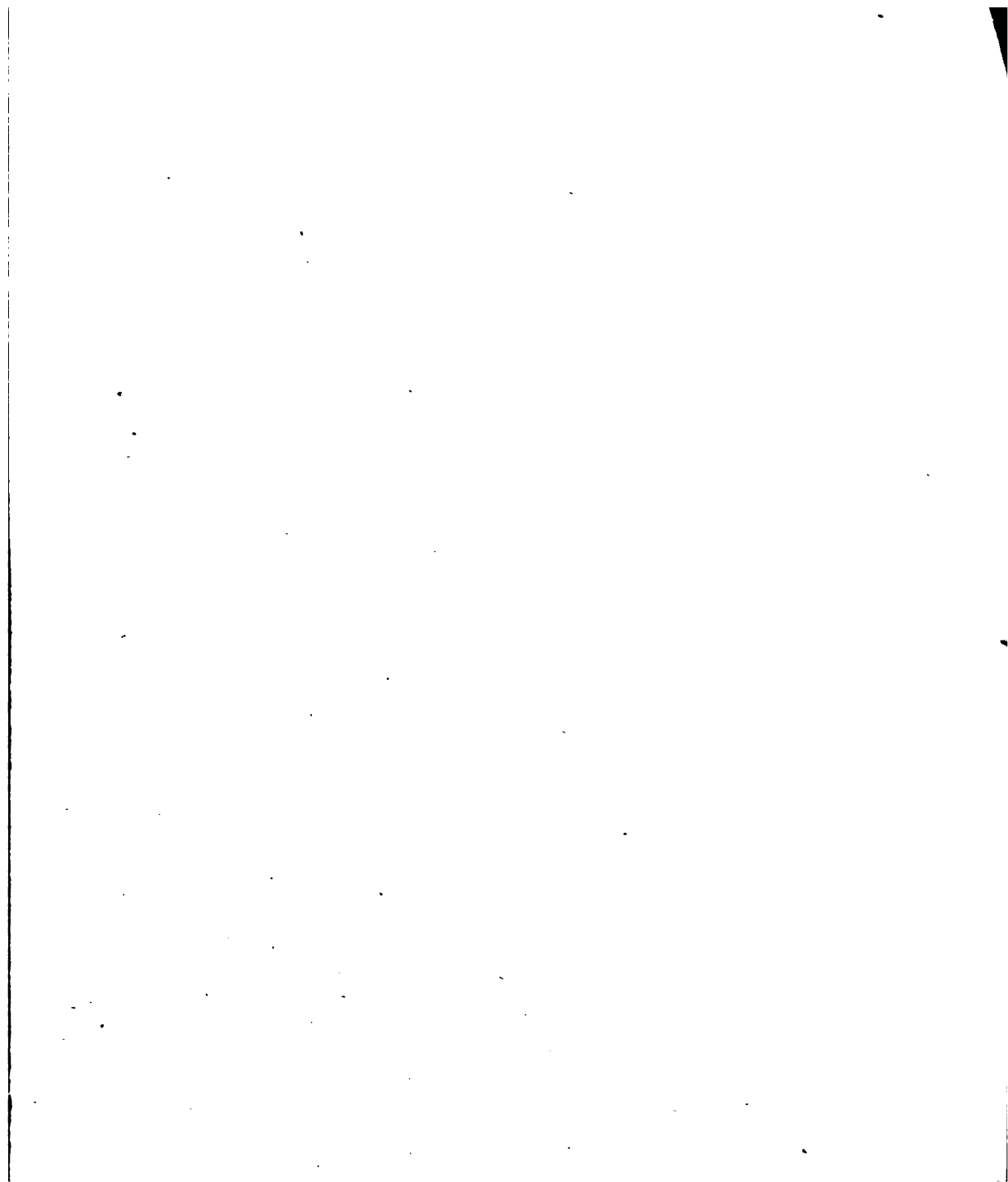
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